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For SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:

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2 A method of processing signals at a receiver station having a computer, a

3 programmable controller, and a video output device to deliver at the output device a
combined or sequential output of a program and a receiver specific datum, said method
4 comprising the steps of:

5 (a) receiving a broadcast or cablecast information transmission comprising
6 one or more control signals;